International Airport Status to Jaipur Airport

3826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the airports in the country which were till date declared as international airports during 2000-2001;

(b) whether Jaipur Airport is being given the status of international airport, if so, what progress made in this regard so far;

(c) whether Government would declare Jaipur Airport as an International Airport, if so, by when;

(d) whether any budgetary allocation is likely to be made/already made in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Airports at Amritsar, Ahmedabad, Bangalore. Cochin (Nedumbassery), Goa, Guwahati and Hyderabad have been declared as international airports during the year 2000-2001.

(b) to (e): Jaipur Airport, which has already been developed as a Model Airport at a cost of Rs. 14.24 crores, is now being further upgraded. Runway is being extended to 9000 ft to cater for operation of AB-300 type of aircraft at a cost of Rs. 24.03 crores. Work has already been awarded and is likely to be completed by March, 2003. Work for construction of new Technical Block cum -Control Tower at a cost of Rs.4.92 crores is in progress and likely to be completed by December, 2001. In the long-term development plan, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has proposals to construct a new terminal building, apron, car park and fire station besides other infrastructure at Jaipur Airport subject to traffic pickup. Adequate budgetary provision for the development works at Jaipur has been made by AAI,. Declaration of an airport as international airport will depend upon traffic potential and demand from airlines for operation of international flights. At present there is no proposal to declare any airport as international airport.

Notification Under Air Act

3827. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notifications) has been issued by Government u/s 3(2) and 4(2) of the Carriage by Air Act, 1972;

(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Expenditure on Security set-up at Delhi Airport

3828. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of security lapses have taken place at Delhi international and domestic airport in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether recent survey conducted jointly by Airport police and Bureau of Civil Aviation has revealed that Delhi's international and domestic airport was extremely prone to security lapses;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating *inter alia* the measures suggested by the joint team to eliminate those lapses;

(e) the action proposed to be taken to implement the suggestions of the joint team; and

(f) the expenditure involved in the revamp of security set-up at Delhi airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) During the last 3 years, there have been no major security lapses at IGI Airport, Delhi. The minor security lapses that have been noticed at the airport, relate to trespassing.

(c) and (d) Security arrangements are regularly surveyed both jointly as well as independently by representatives of various agencies concerned with the security of airport. No major lapses have been noticed. Need for sufficient illumination at perimeter and posts, strengthening of perimeter wall and patrolling around perimeter wall, was suggested.